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RED CROSS TO SET UP MORE BLOOD CLINICS;
POLAND GETS NEW MOBILE DENTAL UNITS

PLANS 16 NEW STATIONS -- Trybuna Ludu, No 61, 2 Mar 50

Prior to 1939, blood transfusions were available only to those who could afford to pay for them. Since the war, the Ministry of Health has entrusted the Polish Red Cross with the organization of a blood donors' drive, reserving for itself the right of inspection and general supervision. The Ministry of Health also has introduced free blood transfusions, assuming the burden of remuneration to blood donors.

The Main Administration of the Polish Red Cross in the course of a few years established 15 stations for collecting blood and for transfusions in all of the 14 wojewodztwo capitals and in Czestochowa. Eleven centers are already active, and four others in Olsztyn, Rzeszow, Kielce, and Czestochowa are in the final stages of organization. The centers conduct campaigns for blood donations. As a result of this action, an ever-increasing number of blood donors register at the centers.

The Main Administration of the Polish Red Cross has worked out a 6-year plan whereby 16 additional stations in the larger powiat cities will collect blood.

By the end of 1949, 6,400 blood donors were registered in all of the stations, and the amount of blood used in 1949 totaled around 5,250 liters. It is expected that in 1955 there will be over 17,000 blood donors, and the amount of blood used will be over 20,000 liters.

NEED MORE BLOOD-DONOR CENTERS -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 90, 1 Apr 50

The one blood-donor center in Poznan is insufficient to serve the various centers and hospitals scattered throughout the entire wojewodztwo. Therefore, nine smaller centers to provide blood donors for transfusions are planned for

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Poznan Wojewodztwo, to be located in Gorzow, Zielona Gora, Kalisz, Ostrow Wielkopolski, Pila, Gniezno, and Konin. The Polish Red Cross, which recruits blood donors, will provide equipment and personnel.

In December 1949, a small center was established in Zielona Gora, and in February a center was opened in Ostrow. However, Gorzow, Gniezno, and Kalisz have done nothing. Not a single doctor or organizer has been found in any of these areas who is sincerely interested in the cause.

GETS DENTAL UNITS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Rzeczpospolita, No 92, 2 Apr 50

Poland has received four new dental ambulances from Czechoslovakia. Poznan Wojewodztwo, Szczecin, Slask-Dabrowa, and Warsaw will each receive one. The new ambulances will operate in electrified areas exclusively, since they will not have their own electrical systems until July. The ambulances are equipped with modern dental equipment and can carry a staff of five dentists, two nurses, and a chauffeur. Each of the dental units has one stationary armchair and four portable chairs which are taken to the nearest building, usually a school, where the unit remains until a dental examination of all the children is made.

There are 15 dental ambulances in operation at present. Two of these have been operating in Slask-Dabrowa Wojewodztwo. Each of the remaining 13 wojewodztwo has one dental unit in operation. The staff off each mobile dental unit now in operation includes a dentist, a nurse, and a chauffeur.

The number of mobile dental ambulances will be increased to 40 during 1950.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN TO OPEN -- Trybuna Ludu, No 61, 2 Mar 50

A new hospital for obstetrics and gynecology will be opened in Warsaw within the next 2 months. The hospital, to be located on Ulica Karowa 10, will contain 200 beds. The building, used by a military unit since 1945, has finally been turned over to the Ministry of Health. It will be completely remodeled into one of the best-equipped hospitals of this type in Poland. The Office of Public Health will soon assign a medical unit to the new hospital.

At present, the local Department of Health has at its disposal in four hospitals 195 beds in obstetric wards and 262 beds in gynecological wards, or a total of 457 beds. The 200 beds in the new hospital will increase existing facilities in this field by nearly 50 percent.

KRAKOW BUYS NEW AMBULANCE PLANE -- Dziennik Polski, No. 72, 14 Mar 50

A new ambulance plane has been purchased for Krakow Wojewodztwo with funds from a drive organized by the Aviation League. The plane has space for the pilot, a doctor, and two patients. The patients occupy specially built cabins. Because of special construction, the plane does not require an airfield for landing.

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